population of more than 1 lakh was estimated to be increased from 314.303 lakhs in 1991 to 424.478 lakhs in 2001. The details about size/class-wise identified/estimated slum population as categorised in the report is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details about size/class-wise identified/estimated slums population

(Population in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Size-class category of cities/ Towns	No. of cities/ Towns	Slum popul-ation identified/ estimated in 1991	Slum popul-ation identified/ estimated in 2001	Estimated Decadal growth Rate
1.	More than 10 lakhs population	23	188.659	254.811	35.06%
2.	5-10 lakhs population	31	42.555	58.432	37.30%
3.	3-5 lakhs population	39	28.596	36.728	28.43%
4.	1-3 lakh population	207	54.493	74.507	36.72%
	TOTAL:	300	314.303*	424.478*	35.05%

Note: Classification of the size of cities/towns is based on 1991 Census

* Excluding J&K

Source: A Compendium on Indian Slums-1996 brought out by Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO)

Increasing population of poor due to non-generation of additional employment opportunities

†3025. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of population in urban areas of the country during the nineties has been three per cent;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the annual growth rate of population there is a possibility of increase in number of poor people due to non-generation of additional employment opportunities in the urban areas; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Latest estimates (1999-2000) of the Planning Commission show that there is decrease in the number of urban poor as compared to those of 1993-94. In addition to Government's efforts economic growth process viz., new employment opportunities are coming up in service sectors such as financial services, information technology and tourism etc., the specially designed anti-poverty programmes for generation of self-employment and wage employment have also contributed towards this decrease.

Proposal to amend the Master Plan of Delhi

3026. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose, keeping in mind the welfare of the poor people, to amend the Master Plan of Delhi on the ground of larger public interest;

(b) if so, whether the covered areas, wherein more than 70 percent of industrial units are existing, shall be declared as industrial area as such;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to keep in abeyance the proposal of relocation of the industries till such time alternate site of plots is made available; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority